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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An electrical connector comprising:

a first female connector housing and a second male connector housing mating with the first female connector housing,

the first female connector housing having a male connector housing mating space with a first peripheral wall, and a tapered surface formed on an inner surface of the first peripheral wall,

the second male connector housing having an inner housing with a second peripheral wall, and a tapered surface projecting from an outer surface and positioned at a forward end of the second peripheral wall,

wherein each tapered surface is integrally formed on the first and second connector housings, the tapered surfaces inclined in the mating direction of the first and second connector housings, the tapered surfaces engaging with each other on complete mating of the first and second connector housings.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The electrical connector according to Claim 1 characterized in that each tapered surface is unitarily formed with each of the connector housings.

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Claim 3 (Cancel)

Claim 4 (Cancel)

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claims 6-9 (Cancel)